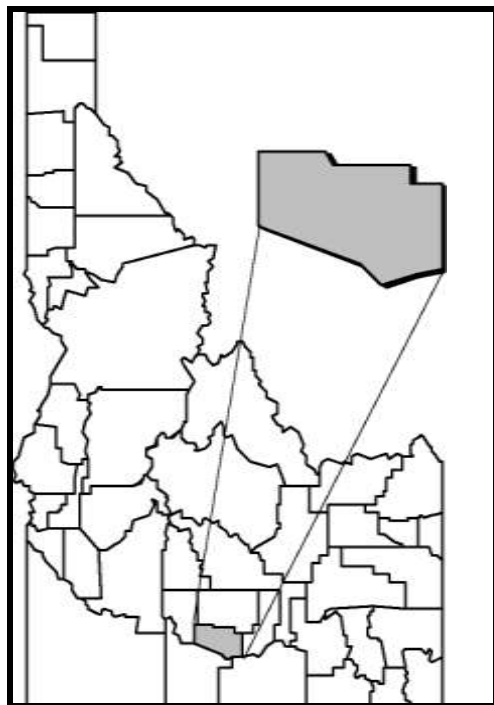


County Seat: Jerome

**I. People****Population**

	1980	1990	2000	2006
Total	14,840	15,138	18,342	20,130
Per Sq. Mile	24.7	25.2	30.6	33.6
Percent Rural	53.6	56.9	57.1	
Percent Urban	46.4	43.1	42.9	
	70-80	80-90	90-00	00-06
Population Change (%)	44.70	2.0	21.2	9.7

Demographic Component Changes

	1970-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2006
Births	2,600	2,720	2,855	2,440
Deaths	1,000	1,189	1,364	1,006
Net Migration	3,000	-1,233	1,713	511
Percent Migration	29.6	-8.3	11.3	2.8
	1980	1990	2000	2006
Birth Rate	21.5	16.0	18.0	19.4
Fertility Rate	108.5	81.4	90.7	101.1
Median Age	28.5	32.6	32.9	33.7
Under 18 Years (%)	33.4	32.1	31.5	29.2
18 to 64 Years (%)	55.8	53.8	56.2	59.2
65+ Years (%)	10.8	14.1	12.3	11.6
Persons Per Household	2.90	2.79	2.89	

Geographic Mobility: 2000

Persons 5 Years and Older Living in a Different State in 1995 (%)	11.0
Persons 5 Years and Older Living in a Different County in 1995 (%)	25.1

II. Housing

	1980	1990	2000
<i>Housing Units</i>			
Total	5,531	5,886	6,713
Mobile Homes, Boat, RV, Van, etc.	505	880	1,068
Overcrowded Units (1.5+ Persons Per Room)	46	77	215
Units Lacking Some or All Plumbing	51	56	35 *
Total Vacant Units	447	561	415
<i>Household Composition (Household Size by %)</i>			
1 to 2 Persons	50.6	54.6	53.0
3 to 5 Persons	42.7	39.2	39.5
6+ Persons	6.7	6.2	7.4
<i>Tenure</i>			
Owner Occupied Units	4,406	3,805	3,751
Renter Occupied Units	1,279	1,574	1,892
<i>Value</i>			
Median Housing Value	\$37,400	\$42,100	\$89,800
Median Rent	\$136	\$189	\$480
<i>Plumbing Facilities</i>			
Public Sewer	3,186	3,073	N.A.
Public Water System or Private Company	3,371	3,279	N.A.
<i>Age of Housing Stock - Year Structures Built</i>			
Number Built 1995 Through March 2000	924		
Number Built 1990 Through 1994	265		
Number Built 1980 Through 1989	819		
Number Built 1970 Through 1979	1,833		
Number Built 1960 Through 1969	580		
Number Built 1950 Through 1959	1,451		
Number Built 1949 or Earlier	841		

* Category changed in Census 2000 to "Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities"

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III. Work Force

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Employment	10,033	10,423	10,456	10,511	10,863
Employment by Type					
Wage and Salary Employment	7,441	7,738	7,764	7,706	7,976
Farm Proprietors	749	777	759	759	764
Non-Farm Proprietors	1,843	1,908	1,933	2,046	2,123
Employment by Industry					
Farming	1,907	1,956	1,871	1,890	1,828
Forestry	391	430	511	530	564
Mining	12	(L)	11	12	(L)
Utilities	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Construction	599	571	578	523	586
Manufacturing	1,083	1,089	1,056	1,036	1,155
Wholesale Trade	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Retail Trade	1,259	1,380	1,340	1,302	1,276
Transportation and Warehousing	864	898	842	920	930
Information	71	65	65	71	78
Finance and Insurance	165	169	175	178	196
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	233	266	303	337	371
Professional and Technical Services	265	282	308	276	289
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	24	24	(D)	(D)	(D)
Administrative Waste Services	235	236	(D)	(D)	(D)
Educational Services	49	53	(D)	(D)	(D)
Health Care and Social Assistance	421	438	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	128	158	153	178	171
Accommodation and Food Services	360	386	433	391	433
Other Services (Except Public Admin.)	464	509	540	552	566
Federal Civilian	51	54	58	55	54
Federal Military	74	75	76	76	73
State and Local Government	860	889	881	871	905

(L) = Less than 10

Employment: full- and part-time by place of work.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

IV. Economy

	2000	2002	2004	2006
Annual % Labor Force Unemployed	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.1
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Percent Females (16+) in Labor Force	36.5	44.6	55.4	57.7

Local Government Revenues

Travel and Convention Room Tax (2%)

	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2004	FY 2006
Total Sales	\$2,182,499	\$2,217,227	\$2,863,686	\$3,404,733
Tax Receipts	\$39,878	\$40,381	\$54,286	\$64,284

Property Taxes

Net Taxable Market Value - 2006	\$860,935,930
Property Taxes Budgeted - 2006	\$12,388,413
Property Tax as a % of Market Value - 2006 *	
Urban	1.95372
Rural	1.21446

* After homeowner exemption

Income

	1990	2000	2005
Per Capita Personal Income	\$15,286	\$21,787	\$27,249
Percent of National Average	78.5%	73.0%	79.0%
Percent of State Average	97.2%	90.5%	95.7%
Government Transfer Payments (in Thousands of Dollars)	\$27,886	\$52,860	\$75,892

Business

	1990	2000	2005
Total Business Establishments	297	418	489

V. Education and Social Indicators

Education Funding Level Per ADA * - 2005-06

<i>School District</i>	<i>State Funds</i>	<i>Local and State Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>
Jerome Jt District	\$4,211	\$5,311	\$6,538
Valley District	\$5,721	\$7,000	\$8,846

* Per ADA means per Average Daily Attendance

Education Level *

	<i>1980</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>
Bachelor's Degree + (%)	10.8	11.0	14.0
High School Graduates + (%)	66.0	72.4	75.1

* Population age 25 or over

Average Monthly Fourth Quarter Welfare Roll

	<i>No. of Cases</i>	
	<i>2001</i>	<i>2006</i>
Aid to Aged, Blind, Disable	111	143
Temporary Assistance for Families	25	43
Food Stamp Cases	313	487
Medicaid Cases	1,817	1,816

Percent Below Poverty

	<i>1989</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2004</i>
Families	12.6	8.0	
Persons	15.9	13.9	13.2

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Other Social Indicators - 2005

	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Suicide Rate per 100,000	25.5	15.7
Marriage Rate per 1,000	8.2	10.4
Divorce Rate per 1,000	4.8	5.0

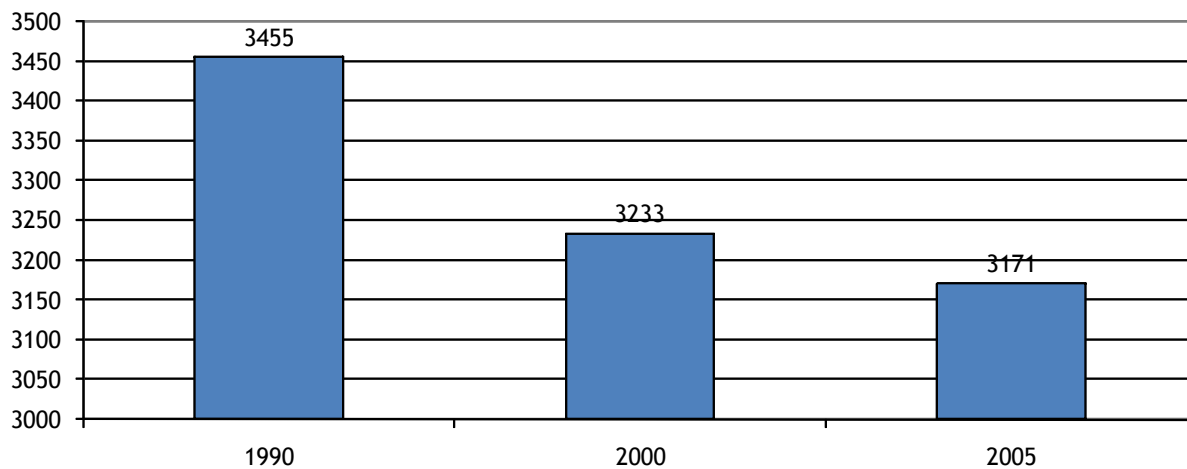
Health Care

	<i>2007</i>
Physicians per 100,000 (2004)	53
Number of Hospitals	1
Total Hospital Beds	25

Crime - Number of Offenses

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2005</i>
Murder	0	0	1
Rape	5	10	5
Robbery	1	1	5
Aggravated Assault	37	46	55
Burglary	106	133	108
Larceny	334	369	413
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	30	38
Arson	0	4	2

Crime - Rate per 100,000

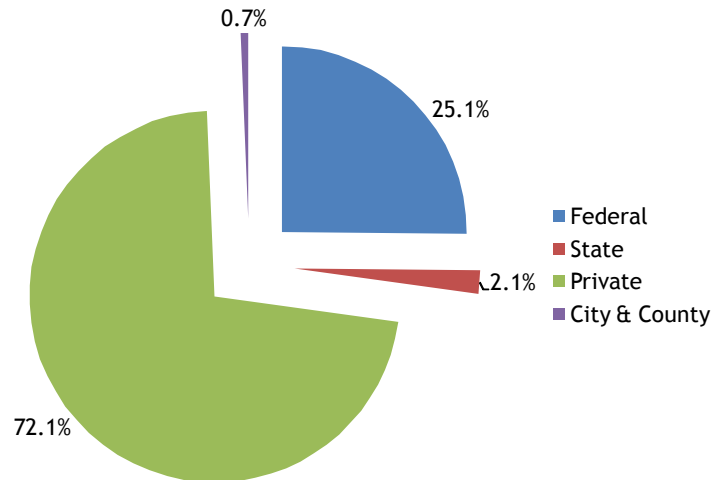


VI. Natural Resources

Land Ownership

	<i>Acres</i>
Federal Land	96,510
BLM	84,382
National Forests	0
Other	12,128
State Land	7,951
Endowment Land	7,591
Fish and Game	360
Parks and Recreation	0
University of Idaho Land	0
Private Land	276,955
County Land	2,503
Municipal Land	17
Total	383,936

Percent of Total Land Ownership



Land Use *

	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Urban Land	3,000	0.8%
Agricultural	200,700	52.3%
Rangeland	70,000	18.3%
Forest	0	0.0%
Water	2,500	0.7%
Wetland	0	0.0%
Barren Land	107,200	28.0%
Tundra	0	0.0%
Perennial Snow	0	0.0%
Total	383,400	100.0%

* USGS land use/cover classification system. The water category and the rounding and estimating of satellite-based data usually results in slightly higher totals for land use.

VII. Agriculture

Summary Data - All Farms

<i>Inventory: Farms, Cropland, and Livestock</i>	1992	1997	2002
Total Number, All Farms	815	683	635
Total Acres in Farms	207,552	193,921	186,319
Average Farm Size (Acres)	255	284	293
Total Farms in Crops	705	570	441
Total Acres in Crops	165,898	159,852	144,525
Cattle and Calves Inventory	89,656	133,648	150,501
Number of Irrigated Farms	695	582	523
Number of Irrigated Acres	150,444	151,726	139,908

Farms by Size (Acres)

Under 10	96	108	146
10 to 49	198	177	185
50 to 179	225	131	111
180 to 499	179	162	95
500 to 999	74	59	49
1,000 and Over	43	46	49

Value of Land and Buildings and Products

Average Value of Land and Buildings Per Farm	\$342,216	\$565,847	\$652,684
Average Value of Land and Buildings Per Acre	\$1,342	\$1,915	\$1,887
Average Value Per Farm of Products Sold	\$213,895	\$366,580	\$454,752

Principal Occupation of Farm Operators

Farming	516	424	399
Other	299	259	236

VII. Miscellaneous

Motor Vehicles Registered

	1990	2000	2005
Cars and Pickups	13,891	17,452	17,699
Other	1,548	2,876	3,062
Total Vehicles Per Capita	1.02	1.11	1.05

Idaho Drivers Licenses in Force

	1990	2000	2006
Total Licenses	10,729	12,592	12,783

Top Place of Work Destinations for Workers in County (16 years and over) - 2000

Jerome County	4,562	Blaine County	138
Twin Falls County	2,632	Lincoln County	72
Gooding County	307	Ada County	52
Total County Workers		7,931	

City Population Trends

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006
Eden	343	355	314	411	418
Hazelton	396	496	394	687	723
Jerome	4,183	6,891	6,529	7,780	8,687

Jerome County is located in south-central Idaho, bordering the Snake River. It ranks 17th among Idaho counties in population and 38th in area. The federal government owns about 25 percent of the county. Agriculture dominates the local economy, but trade, government, and services provide substantial employment. Annual average total civilian employment grew 22.0 percent from 1996 to 2006. Major employers include Hilex Poly, Progressive Logistics, Standlee Hay, Darigold, Jerome Cheese, Aardema Dairy, St. Benedict's Medical Center, Giltner Inc., Wal-Mart, Spears Manufacturing, Jerome and Valley school districts, City of Jerome, Jerome County government, Rite Stuff Foods and Arlo G. Lott Trucking Inc.

Shoshone Falls, the "Niagara of the West" is on the Snake River at the southern edge of the county. Plunging 212 feet, it is 52 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Views of the falls can be accessed on the Twin Falls County side of the river. The city of Jerome also boasts the Jerome County Historical Museum.

For more information about activities and recreation in the area, visit www.visitidaho.org/placestogo/southcentral.aspx

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